

REMARKS

Claims 8, 10, 11 and 23-30 have been amended in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the applicants regard as their invention. The applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated **March 10, 2003**.

Claims 8-11, 15-18, and 23-30 are pending in the application, with claims 8-11 and 23-30 having been allowed. Claims 1-7, 12-14, 19, and 20-22 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections under 35 USC §102

Claims 12-14 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Dale (U.S. Patent No. 4,073,460).

Claims 12-14 have been canceled. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 12-14 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Dale (U.S. Patent No. 4,073,460) is respectfully requested.

Claims 19-20 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Sato et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,943,214).

Claims 19-20 have been canceled. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 19-20 under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Sato et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,943,214) is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

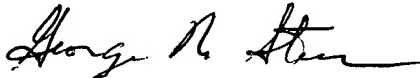
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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